



NEWLY ANNOUNCED DAIMLER JUST PART OF WHITESTOWN'S BOOM

Industrial Growth Exploding in Indiana's Fastest Growing Community

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WHITESTOWN, Ind. – In terms of population growth, Whitestown has been the fastest growing community in the state of Indiana for 5 years in a row, according to U.S. Census numbers. But the recent industrial explosion in the town, located just off I-65 northwest of Indianapolis, may be an even more impressive story.

In just the past two years, Whitestown has welcomed eight brand new industrial buildings with two more planned in the immediate future, adding nearly \$100 million worth of assessed value. The following have chosen to locate in Whitestown in just the past 24 months or so: Weaver Popcorn (headquarters), GNC, Kenco, Elliott Company (headquarters), Becknell Industrial, Telamon, REGO-FIX, AmerisourceBergen, CSL Plasma, Cummins, RPM Machinery and Daimler Trucks North America.

These new companies add to the strong industrial base that had already been established by businesses like Amazon, Express-Scripts, CEVA Logistics, Pitney Bowes, UTi Integrated Logistics, Sanders Pre-Cast Concrete Systems, Indiana Industrial Services, LaCrosse Footwear, Aerodyne Engineering, Global Emergency Products and others.

All of those companies see the benefit of Whitestown's great location and ease of access to the Indianapolis airport and major cities across the Midwest.

"It's actually hard to keep up with the growth," Said Town Manager Dax Norton, "But it's a good problem to have. In addition to our ideal location, we have also made it a point to make relocating here easy for these companies. Our Department of Planning and Development does an excellent job of making the permit process and buildouts as easy as possible so these businesses can stay on schedule." Said Norton. "Many people had never even heard of Whitestown as little as 5 years ago, but now the word is spreading among residents and industries around the world that we are a hidden gem here in Boone County."

Whitestown now boasts international status. Swiss company REGO-FIX recently broke ground for its U.S. headquarters, bringing with it the Swiss Consulate for Indiana. Recently announced Daimler Trucks North America is the second German company to move to the fast-growing Boone County community; AmerisourceBergen is the other.

As the Town's Comprehensive Plan has guided development, industrial growth has been focused in designated industrial areas along Interstate 65. The two largest are Perry Industrial Park, a 450 acre master-planned industrial development, and AllPoints at Anson, a 600 acre industrial park.

"The companies at AllPoints make up our e-commerce sector." Said Norton. "A medical sector has developed in Perry Industrial Park with AmerisourceBergen and CSL Plasma. And we are currently planning for the development of a future industrial park that will be our tech sector, for tech companies that have started in incubator spaces and are now looking for the next step up."

Other existing industrial parks are: Whitestown Crossing, which will soon welcome RPM Machinery, Whitestown Business Park, GreenParke at Corridor 65, and Whitestown East.

"We have so much current and upcoming industrial construction that most of our residents don't even know is happening. They only see the many new businesses, restaurants and hotels popping up along Whitestown Parkway and Main Street. But it's all of this diverse growth together that is giving our Town such a strong, healthy tax base." Said Norton.

In addition to industrial growth, residential growth continues to boom. Home builders like Pulte, Beazer, David Weekley, Ryland and Westport Homes are currently constructing homes in ten Whitestown neighborhoods. Plans are in the works to build Whitestown's third hotel. Two senior living communities are also being planned with construction to start soon. Several more retail centers are soon-to-be built in the busy Anson development area of Whitestown, and two major retail developments are being discussed.

"The Town of Whitestown has completely changed over the past five years. Much is new and the economic revitalization of our historic Legacy Core is well underway." Said Norton, "And with the explosive growth we're experiencing now, our Town's landscape will completely transform again within the next five years."

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